

POLICE DEPARTMENT BEGINS HOLIDAY DUI ENFORCEMENT

The Morgan Hill Police Department will be conducting special enforcement from December 16th through New Year's Day to apprehend drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. These officers are part of the well-established "Avoid the 13" campaign, whose purpose is to eliminate DUI-related collisions during the holidays. Avoid the 13, funded by the Office of Traffic Safety, refers to the 13 Santa Clara County law enforcement agencies, including the Morgan Hill Police Department, who originally participated in the campaign.

"We're committed to keeping our community's roads safe this holiday season," said Morgan Hill Police Chief Bruce Cumming. "Driving under the influence is a crime – and if you're caught, you will be arrested."

Checkpoint officers serve a dual purpose: to both educate the public about the dangers of driving under the influence and to apprehend impaired drivers who pass through the checkpoint. Drivers will be given an informational brochure and then evaluated for symptoms of driving under the influence.

The Morgan Hill Police Department would like to remind the public to designate a driver before celebrating with alcoholic beverages. To drive with a blood alcohol content of .08 % or higher is a crime with serious consequences. Please designate a driver to ensure your holiday season is safe and joyful!